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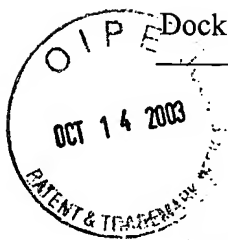
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing sixty-four (64) references that were previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. patent application No. 09/804,457, filed March 21, 2001, which is the parent of this continuation-in-part application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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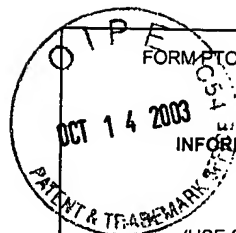
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